

LAKE KASHAGAWIGAMOG ORGANIZATION

2021 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

7:00 pm

Zoom Platform

1. Call to Order

Bob Carter called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. It was attended by 48 persons via Zoom platform. Members were welcomed. Explanations regarding how questions would be entertained via the “chat” function (monitored by Kirsten Sixt and Jan Gerrow); motions would be voted on by poll (read and launched by Kirsten Sixt). All relevant documents were posted on the website. Nominations closed on Monday, June 14, 2021. (Gary Wiles read and conducted the election)

2. Aboriginal Land Acknowledgement (Wendy Hampson)

The recently passed Aboriginal Land Acknowledgement was read.

“As we gather here today, we respectfully acknowledge that we are situated on the traditional territories of the Anishinaabe Mississauga lands and the traditional territory covered by the Williams Treaties. Kashagawigamog, an Anishnaabeg name meaning “lake of long and winding waters”, served for millennia as an important passageway and meeting area for First Nations peoples. We are grateful for the opportunity to live here and we thank all the generations of Indigenous people who have taken care of this land for thousands of years.”

3. Introduction of Directors, Past President & Guests

Bob Carter, President (Development)
Jan Gerrow, Secretary & Vice President
Jim Bertram, Treasurer & Advertising
Glenda Bryson, Lake Steward
Wendy Hampson, Membership
Kirsten Sixt, Social Events
Kathy Conlan, Environmental
Tanya Smith, Social Media
Scott MacPhee, Website
Gary Wiles, Past President
Mayor Brent Devolin, Minden Hills
Mayor Andrea Roberts, Dysart et al

4. Review and Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the posted agenda by Scott MacPhee, seconded by Glenda Bryson. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Remarks by Mayor Brent Devolin, Minden Hills and Mayor Andrea Roberts, Dysart et al

Mayor Devolin, Minden Hills, spoke about how the urbanization of the community over the last two years has altered the community issues and priorities. The Shoreline Preservation Bylaw development has been contracted to an external company, which has received positive and

negative feedback. Mandatory septic inspections will commence in 2023 on Lake Kashagawigamog. Information is posted on the Minden Hills website and should have been received by property owners. Short term rental of properties has created some conflict issues. Haliburton County is going to be looking at this issue in the future, so that the regulations are consistent throughout the region. Suggested that LKO look at the Lake of Bays regulations. Shoreline private vs. public land uses is being reviewed. Haliburton County Service Delivery Review has looked at procurement and economic development and will be examining waste management and community safety soon. There will be opportunities for input from Minden Hills, and the community stakeholders.

Mayor Roberts, Dysart et al, indicated that COVID has changed how business is done and that with meetings available online, on YouTube and archived, that there is greater attendance at meetings. Council is getting prepared for in person meetings. The website has been re-done and is easier to negotiate. Customer service is important to the municipality. Short Term Rental regulation is part of the service delivery review which is being done in collaboration with Haliburton County. The new Welcome Centre in Head Lake Park is open and includes flush toilets. Rotary Beach is undergoing a revitalization with repairs to the tennis courts and surrounding lands. The municipality has made lands available for a Fleming College student residence, affordable housing, and a new retirement home.

Questions were received regarding septic inspections – why were septic tanks not required to be emptied? Answer (A) – most problems were evident when the lid was removed; pump out may be required if problem detected; the contractor can do inspections quicker, thus more properties can be assessed; Dysart found that in Kennisis Lake trial that many systems were undersized and problems were evident. Why the fees? (A) – cost recovery. What is new on the Wigamog property development? (A) – there are new buyers, but it has not closed, and development details have not been released. Is there capacity in the sewage treatment system for expanded Dysart development? There is capacity to expand the system; there is consideration of expanding the plant and expanding the sewage treatment lines. What is planned for development at Industrial Park Rd and County Rd #21? (A) – the land is for sale and there are no plans. Why the high tax rate? (A) – Actually 1% raise last year. The county has 4/10 least expensive in rural Ontario.

All questions being answered, the two Mayors were thanked for participating in the LKO AGM and bringing residents up to date on issues in their respective municipalities.

6. Approval of the Minutes of the AGM held Sunday, October 11, 2020

Corrections – none. Motion to approve the minutes of the LKO Annual General Meeting of October 11, 2020, as posted by Gary Wiles, seconded by Wendy Hampson. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Business arising from the minutes – none.

8. President's Report – Bob Carter

Thanked the board of directors for their work. Love Your Lake seminar was converted to a three-evening series and a recorded session for children. It was well attended, recorded, and put up on the LKO Youtube channel. KashArt on the Water will be coming in August. Communication to our members has been enhanced using Eblasts, Instagram, FaceBook, the

website and the newsletter, which is now once per year. Issues of concern are the current drought. It was a gentle spring melt with no flooding and very little precipitation this spring. The water is at a 30-year low in the Trent Severn Waterway. Check CEWF website for information about the lake levels and future management. We are represented by the Canning Lake Dam. He expects a one foot drop shortly. There is a total fire ban now. This means NO OUTDOOR FIRES, NO FIREWORKS. If the fire department is called, there is a \$480.00 service fee to the property owner. Questions regarding fireworks (when there is no fire ban)? (A) Minden Hills – must obtain a permit; Dysart allowed only on certain weekends.

9. Treasurer's report – Jim Bertram

Financial report, budget and treasurers report was posted (and follows at the end of this document) to the website prior to the meeting. Finances are largely unchanged with less income but fewer expenses. Due to the low interest rate a \$10,000 GIC was cashed and is reflected in the financial report. The spending on memberships and donations was discussed. There were no questions. A motion to approve the financial report, as posted and presented, by Jan Gerrow, seconded by Kathy Conlan. (The polling was not working.) No objections were received by the chat function, so the motion was approved unanimously.

10. Membership Report – Wendy Hampson

175 members at present. 25% of the membership renewal is by the autopay with Paypal. This is easy for members and also for LKO administration. A reminder that LKO membership in FOCA provides benefits and discounts to all LKO members including some insurance companies, the canoe museum, and seminar series.

11. Love Your Lake Report – Wendy Hampson

The Love Your Lake Zoom seminars occurred in March, April and May with presentations by Terry Moore, Rebecca Osborne, and Norman Yan. They were very well attended. Blake on the Lake has created two videos for children, which are posted on the LKO YouTube channel and have been viewed by many people in a short time. Thanks to the committee members who organized this event.

12. Lake Steward Report – Glenda Bryson

Her duties as Lake Steward are coming to an end. The first water test was done on May 17th and the water clarity depth was 6 m. which was exceptionally good for this time of year. She will continue to work with the ULinks Brendan Martin & Trent/Fleming students on the benthic invertebrate monitoring. The results of last years testing were quite disappointing and concerning. The importance of keeping natural shorelines and free of invasive species was emphasized. There are invasive Chinese Mystery snails and Banded Mystery snails at the marina and elsewhere on the lake. Everyone was encouraged to take the Chinese Mystery snail training, so that you can legally remove the snails. Contact Brook Schryer brook_schryer@ofah.com by July 1, to sign up for the next course. A question about improved signage at the boat launches? (A) – there are signs at all the boat launches and people must do the correct things. There are no wash stations at any of the Lake Kashagawigamog boat launches. Boaters were reminded that they should empty all ballast water and wash their boats well away from the lake; and they should not be in another lake for 5 days.

13. Conservation Award – Kathy Conlan

Award committee of Kathy, Wendy Hampson and John Sheard wanted to help conserve the natural world in or on the lake. This year the award has also been expanded to children. She gave ideas of things such as shorelines, learning about some aspect of lake or land life related to the lake. Support the life of the lake and send in an application. Details are on the website. Prize is \$100.00 for adults and children. Deadline is December 31, 2021.

14. Social Events Report – Kirsten Sixt

Three artists on the lake have created an artisan event “KashArt on the Water” which will be August 7th (rain date of August 8th) from 10-4 at various locations on the lake. Access by environmentally friendly methods (bike, paddle, walk) is encouraged; COVID rules apply; there will be a digital map and signage at the various locations; depending on the success, there may be a charitable donation. Lake Kashagawigamog artists who wish to be exhibitors can obtain a registration form on the LKO website.

15. Election of Directors – Gary Wiles

Four current board members were up for re-election, Scott MacPhee and Wendy Hampson 2 year term completed. Tanya Smith and Kathy Conlan 1 year term is completed. Jan Gerrow, Bob Carter, and Kirsten Sixt will complete their term of two years in 2022. 2 board members are retiring - Jim Bertram and Glenda Bryson. Marilyn Romano and Scott Sharman, LKO members, wished to stand for election to the board. Marilyn Romano: Marilyn has an undergrad degree in Finance and an MBA. She has worked in real estate funding, purchasing for large aircraft components, and various bookkeeping positions. Her cottage is on Sugarbush Lane. She has raised 4 children and enjoys being an empty nester. Scott Sharman: Scott and his family have been coming to the Haliburton area for the past 25 years. They have had cottages on both Soyers Lake and Kashagawigamog Lake. Scott retired as a police officer after 32 years with the Peel Regional Police in 2016. In 2014 they built their place on Kashagawigamog. He enjoys everything that the Haliburton area offers. Scott says being involved with the lake association gives him the opportunity to play a part in ensuring that the health of our lakes and resources continue for everyone to enjoy now and in the future.

In order to keep a staggered term of office balance, the board decided to have current Board members stand for a 2-year term and prospective board members stand for a 1 year term. The slate of candidates was Scott MacPhee, Wendy Hampson, Tanya Smith, and Kathy Conlan for 2 years. Scott Sharman and Marilyn Romano for 1 year. A motion to close the nominations and to accept the slate of candidates by Jan Gerrow, seconded by Kirsten Sixt was passed without objection.

Goodbye to Glenda Bryson and Jim Bertram, who were both elected to the board in 2013, Glenda as our Lake Steward and Jim as a member without portfolio in the beginning. When our treasurer retired Jim took over that role and has been keeping our books in good order for a number of years now. He also was half of the Jim and John team that organized advertising for our newsletter. Jim is a very organized and detail minded person and every task we volunteered him for was done to perfection.

Glenda and Mike bought the Marina and transformed it into basically what it is today. Glenda was always knowledgeable about issues around the lake, so it was no surprise when she agreed to take on the role of Lake Steward. Over the years she has spent many days out on the lake taking water samples and submitting them for testing. She was one of the first lake stewards in Haliburton to be trained in the testing for dissolved oxygen. Glenda has also participated in all

our social events and was the first to raise her hand and say I can do that!!!! Glenda and Jim will both be missed but know that if called upon they won't hesitate to offer assistance. Virtual card of appreciation was presented to Jim & Glenda.

16. New Business – Bob Carter

Questions - new signage for each lane around the lake to indicate no burning/no fireworks? (A) Bob had been in touch with both fire chiefs who advised that signage was not the problem It was the people not doing what was indicated. Question – About placing dry fire hydrants around the lake? (A) Fire chiefs advised that fires should be left to the professionals. Call 911 and evacuate the area. Question – who do you notify on weekends if there are fires or fireworks? (A) Call 911. Question – Could the speed signs be changed to No Wake signs? (A) could be considered in the future.

17. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm by Jim Bertram, seconded by Tanya Smith – no objections.

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2021 AGM

Treasurer's Report

June 16, 2021

As we all know, last year was a challenging time for everyone, including the LKO.

We cancelled all face to face meetings, discovered the “joys” of Zoom, which cut back both revenue and expenses, so overall we came through 2020 financially unscathed. It is encouraging to see that our advertisers remained loyal and in fact increased slightly this year.

Our memberships slipped in 2020, but have rebounded this year, which is also encouraging. Interest rates on GIC's are very low, so due to the uncertainty of the times, the Board decided to not renew the GIC for \$10,000 which matured in January 2021, leaving us with a \$15,000 one which will mature in December.

We are members of several organizations; The CHA, FOCA, and CEWF. The CHA has a very modest membership fee of \$50 but asks for a voluntary donation. We have always supported their objectives but there was so much uncertainty, due to COVID, that last year we decided not to make that donation and instead sent the money to the 2 local food banks and the HHHS Foundation.

This year the Board decided that we needed to increase our support of the CHA as well as the County hospital foundation, HHHS. We trimmed our support of local food banks, which partially offset the additional costs.

Our other costs are largely fixed and there is not a lot we can do to influence them, but overall we do have significant financial resources, and I am very comfortable recommending the 2021 budget.

Jim Bertram,
Treasurer, LKO

Lake Kashagawigamog Organization Financial Report

2021 Budget & YTD vs 2020 Actual

As Of May 31, 2021

	2020 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 YTD Actual
Revenue			
Membership	5,675	5,810	5,810
Corporate	1,600	1,600	1,600
Advertising	5,408	5,810	3,145
Donations & Grants	977	750	835
Love Your Lake	0	0	0
Ticket & Merchandise Sales	0	0	0
Investment Income	344	315	229
Total Revenue	14,004	14,285	11,619
Expenses			
Office & General	2,429	2,600	1,614
Newsletter	2,638	2,200	960
Memberships-FOCA, Etc.	976	1,917	1,917
Donations Gifts & Honoraria	4,350	4,500	4,000
AGM	0	0	0
Special Events	0	0	0
Water Testing	831	1,000	899
Insurance	1,518	1,518	1,518
LYL & Lake Projects	118	1,250	834
Total Expenses	12,860	14,985	11,742
Net	1,144	-700	-123
Continuity of Cash plus Investments			
Opening Funds - Cash	14,990	14,715	24,715
Opening Funds - Investments	25,000	25,000	15,000
Net Income	1,144	-700	-123
Total	41,134	39,015	39,592

Closing Funds - Cash	14,715	14,015	24,592
Closing Funds - Investments	25,000	25,000	15,000
Total	39,715	39,015	39,592

DONATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

<u>Donations</u>	<u>2020 Act</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>
Minden Food Bank	1,250	1,000
Haliburton Food Bank	1,250	1,000
HHHS	600	1,000
HHOA	500	500
Ulinks	500	500
Board & Misc	250	500
	4,350	4,500
 Memberships		
CHA	50	1,000
CEWF	200	200
FOCA	726	717
	976	1,917